

THE Welcome Visitor

"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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NOT UNDERSTOOD

Not understood! We move along asunder,
Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep
Along the years. We marvel and we wonder
Why life is life, and then we fall asleep.
Not understood.

Not understood! How trifles often change us!
The thoughtless sentence and the fancied
slight

Destroy long years of friendship, and estrange
us.

And on our souls there falls a freezing blight,
Not understood.

Not understood! How many hearts are aching
For lack of sympathy! Ah, day by day,
How many cheerless, lonely hearts are break-
ing!

How many noble spirits pass away
Not understood.

O God! that men would see a little clearer
Or judge less harshly when they cannot see;
O God! that men might draw a little nearer
To one another. They'd be nearer thee,
And understood. Selected.

HOW SHALL WE OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS?

Sanitarium, California,
December 6, 1906.

"FOR we know the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he
was rich yet for your sakes he became
poor, that ye through his poverty
might be rich."

Shall we follow Christ as our pat-
tern? In his life of self-sacrifice was
seen not one jot or tittle of selfish-
ness. He who had been rich in the
heavenly courts left all his wealth
and power, and came to this world,
clothed in the humble garb of human-
ity. For our sake he became poor,
that we through his poverty might be
made rich. Like him, his followers
are by lives of self-denial to be a
blessing to the world. If in the lives
of all God's people the character of
Christ were revealed, we should see
thousands more converted to the
truth.

If men would only remember that
every favor they receive is a gift from
God, would they not do very much
more than they are now doing to re-
lieve his work of the embarrassment
of poverty? Would they not act a
noble part in rendering to the Lord
that which is his own?

Wealth hoarded will become a
curse. Often the Lord can not pre-
serve and bless the possessions of men,
because the owners feel little or no
obligation to assist in the great work
of proclaiming the truth in new fields.
Their substance, generously divided
with their brethren who are laboring
with meager facilities in destitute
fields, would bring in return rich
blessings from God.

No charity is complete unless it re-
veals an appreciation of the gospel.
Those who now, in this time of emer-
gency, selfishly hold on to their means
will soon suffer the loss of all they
have. Those who are truly converted
and who have more than sufficient for
their immediate necessities, will freely
impart of their abundance to help
those who are poorer than they.

All should feel an intense interest in
the advancement of the Third Angel's
Message. The work of proclaiming
this Message has already grown to
large proportions: but it is to advance
still more rapidly. We need many
more laborers, and God's loyal peo-
ple, filled with a spirit of self-denial,
should now give, cheerfully and lib-
erally, in order that facilities may be
provided for the entering of new ter-
ritory. In many places the work has
been retarded because of the scarcity
of means. The rebuke of God will
rest upon those who do not come up to
his help against the mighty powers
of darkness.

Shall not we, as a people, refrain
from following the custom of the
world in unnecessary indulgence
during the coming holiday season?
O how much might be accomplished in
needy mission fields with the money
that is squandered in various ways at
this season of the year by those who
profess to be Christians!

Will not the Seventh-day Adventists
in every place first consecrate them-
selves to the Lord, and then do their
very best, according to their circum-
stances, to advance his work, by gifts
and offerings? Will they show that
they appreciate the blessings of the
Lord, and that they are grateful for
his mercy? Will they not now con-
sider their obligations to God, at a
time when the world especially seeks

for pleasure, and expends large sums
of money for gifts to those who are
not needy?

I have said to my family and my
friends, "I desire that no one shall
make me a birthday or Christmas gift,
unless it be with permission to pass
it on into the Lord's treasury, to be
appropriated in the establishment of
missions."

I will greatly praise the name of the
Lord if his people, at this time, by the
exercise of benevolence, will increase
the facilities for successful work in
many needy fields. I long to see
among Seventh-day Adventists an in-
crease of faith and courage, and more
praise and thanksgiving to God, so
that where in the past there has been a
withholding of means, there shall from
henceforth be seen the evidences of a
grateful heart. — the faithful bestowal
of gifts and offerings, to supply the
needs of many destitute fields.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THIS service was instituted on the
night in which our Lord celebrated the
passover. Mark 14:12; Matt. 26:17, 20.

God has given explicit instruction
as to how the passover should be kept.
Ex. 12:3-20; Lev. 23:5-8; Num. 9:1-5.

All who were unclean were to be
separated from Israel and not allowed
to worship with the congregation.
The Lord made provision that those
who had a disease were not to be
allowed to transmit it by worshiping
with the congregation. They were to
be "put without the camp." Num.
5:1-3; Lev. 13.

Before they were permitted to again
worship with the congregation, they
were to be thoroughly examined by
the priest, and pronounced clean.
Leviticus, 14th and 15th chapters.

Knowing that even the priest would
be exposed to the disease, whatever it
might be, in the cleansing of the dis-
eased, God separated him from his
work for the remainder of the day.
Num. 19:11-21.

That they might not be unclean the
priests were commanded to attend few
burials. Lev. 21:1-14.

At one time God had just explicitly commanded that all should celebrate the "passover at his appointed season." Some there were who had been defiled, and had been pronounced unclean. They understood that they were excluded from the service, yet feared that the blood of the atoning sacrifice would not suffice to save them. They feared lest they should be eternally lost. They came before Moses and Aaron and said, "We are defiled by the dead body of a man; wherefore are we kept back that we may not offer an offering of the Lord in his appointed season *among the children of Israel*?" Then Moses inquired of the Lord. He did not give them permission to defile the people, but set apart another day for them. Num. 9:1-12.

Thus we see that the health of the congregation was more highly regarded by God than the definite details of the service. Yet was God a God of order, of precision, and that soul who was at home, who was clean, was not permitted to wait until the fourteenth day of the second month, but must appear as God had at first commanded. His failure to do so "cut him off." Num. 9:13.

It is true there was one occasion after Israel had returned from idolatry, when those who were not clean were permitted to celebrate the passover with the congregation, but King Hezekiah had commanded that all should "keep the passover in the second month." 2 Chron. 30:1-3, "because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently," "for they had not done it for a long time." Verse 5.

Meats may be readily inoculated by coming in contact with any diseased body. Hazardous would it have been for Israel, had every householder slain his own sacrifice, "for there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passover for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the Lord." Verse 17.

Even after this precaution was taken for the safety of the congregation, "Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah and healed the people." Verses 18-20.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

(To be continued.)

"The surest way of not being conformed to the world is to be transformed by the renewing of our mind."

REPORTS

West Mansfield, Lima

ON reaching West Mansfield I found the little company widely scattered. While they have held no meetings for more than two years, a few faithful Sabbath keepers remain. These gathered at the home of Brother William L. Lane, where we held three meetings and organized a Sabbath-school. May our Lord bless and prosper them.

At Lima I found an enthusiastic, healthy little church, prospering under the leadership of Brother E. E. Mackin. They plan, by selling books, etc., to raise their full quota of the \$150,000 fund. H. M. JUMP.

Leesburg, Wheelersburg

I HAVE just arrived here. I have been very cordially received at the home of Brother and Sister Wright. Last Sabbath was spent with the home church at Wheelersburg.

The plan for raising the \$150,000 fund was considered and approved by them. It is the determination of the brethren to help make it a success by bearing cheerfully the responsibility placed upon them.

We are of good courage in the Lord. We have faith to believe that our brethren throughout the State will sense the nearness of the end, and will rally to bear their part in finishing the work which the Lord will soon cut short in righteousness. They love God and his word. Their lives are bound up in this last Message to a perishing world. They have been promised eternal life. They expect to gain the victory over self and all the powers of this present evil world through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God has given us all a test in this call, so that we may know for ourselves whether we have the true missionary spirit of sacrifice that characterized the life of our Saviour. We know that "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his."

We must all be tested and tried. We have the promise that after we have been tried, we shall have the crown of life. R. R. KENNEDY.

Lima

WE are thankful to the dear Lord for the plan of the work for this month, and all have received many blessings in carrying them out. We are of good courage, and hope to have the entire amount raised during this month. MRS. E. E. MACKIN.

THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY

REPORTS so far from the efforts now being put forth by the Ohio Conference in the interest of the \$150,000 fund are very encouraging. We still believe that the brethren and sisters of this Conference will not let this opportunity pass by unimproved.

Let us take another glimpse of the field to be benefitted by this effort. The first \$50,000 of this fund goes to the Southern field and will be divided as follows:—

Nashville Sanitarium, \$25,000; Huntsville Sanitarium, \$5,000; Graysville Sanitarium, \$1,500; Atlanta Sanitarium, \$3,000; Graysville Academy \$2,000; the *Watchman*, \$2,500. The remaining \$11,000 to be appropriated by the Southern Union Conference.

Then the sanitarium at Washington, D. C., is to receive \$50,000; the Pacific Press Building, \$20,000; the Review and Herald Building at Washington, D. C., \$10,000; the British school (near London, England) \$10,000; Williamsdale Academy (Nova Scotia), \$2,000; Skodsborg Sanitarium (Denmark), \$2,000; West Indies (school and publishing work), \$4,000; Chilean printing house and school, \$2,000.

Think of it, if every Seventh-day Adventist would contribute \$2.53 this amount would be raised and all the institutions named would be greatly strengthened and encouraged to put forth renewed efforts to finish the work committed to our hands. Dear reader, pause a moment and consider what mighty factors these institutions will be in the future promulgation of the fast closing Message. Shall there not be a hearty response to this call from every heart?

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

A QUICK WORK

THE response to the appeal for the \$100,000 fund was most gratifying, especially the rapidity with which the latter half of the amount was given; and the overflow of more than \$15,000 above the amount called for. Now a greater call is made, this time for \$150,000. This is for the sanitarium and *Review and Herald* in Washington, which are in great need of immediate help, for the South, for which the appeal has been sent out to our people through the Spirit of prophecy for many years; for the Pacific Press, whose recent disaster has brought sorrow to all the hearts of our people; for the school in England; for our work in the West Indies; for our academy in Canada; for our sanita-

rium, in in Skodsborg, Denmark; and for the work that has been wrecked by the earthquake on the west coast of South America.

The General Conference Committee has sent out an appeal that beginning with Thanksgiving day, an offering be made daily by each individual until the beginning of the year 1907, or until the whole amount is made up. What a thrill of triumph and of hope would pass through our ranks if the amount could be made up before the first day of the new year? We trust that all the readers of this article have begun to make their offerings; if not, that they will begin to-day.

When we consider the number and the resources of our people, it is not an unreasonable thing to hope that every cent of the money so urgently needed will be sent in within the short time suggested. It could be done so easily. May a new and holy zeal fire the souls of every one of our people to do this thing now. It can be done—it will be done, if all will realize the privilege, and rise to the occasion. A late testimony says: "Ministers and people, wake up. Be quick to seize every advantage and opportunity offered in the turning wheel of providence."

Send all donations through your church, Conference, or Union Conference treasurer.

J. S. WASHBURN.

A WORD OF CAUTION

I FEEL it a duty to drop a word of caution to our local church elders and leaders against granting permission to every person who comes along with a burden to "preach" to thus pose before our churches. Men who are capable, consecrated and sound in the Message will not be found floating about. Such persons are in demand everywhere. Undue advantage will be taken of our people in every conceivable way. Unprincipled men with no message for Seventh-day Adventists (or any other for that matter) will seek to get in among the flock to sow seeds of discord and doubt. Generally speaking, an ounce of prevention, in such matters, is worth more than a pound of cure.

Then, too, it often happens that persons dressed in sheep's clothing and claiming to be Sabbath keepers will come along simply to deceive and either to beg money from those usually foremost in generosity or steal it if opportunity presents itself. I have known many such cases among our people. I hope what I have said will in no way discourage anyone in the practice of true generosity, hos-

pitality and Christian courtesy; but rather induce the exercise of sound judgment in connection with these admirable traits of character.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

PACIFIC PRESS NOTES

THE Pacific Press is in mourning. Elder W. N. Glenn, of the editorial staff of the *Signs of the Times*, after a week's illness with pneumonia passed away as the sun went down, Sabbath, December 1. He has been connected with the Pacific Press for over thirty years, filling various positions of responsibility. He was always true and loyal to the Message which he held so dear. His many years of faithful work in proclaiming the Message are now ended. He passed away holding fast the hope, which year after year has grown stronger as he has faithfully labored to proclaim this last Message to the world.

OUR tracts (Bible Students' and Apples of Gold Libraries) are having a wonderful sale this season and we find it difficult to keep up with the demand. One cylinder press is kept busy nearly all the time on these little leaflets, and they must be falling in some places like the leaves of autumn. The judgment alone will reveal the good that has been accomplished by scattering these tracts. Let the good work go on.

DURING the past few days we have been having very cold weather for this part of the country and our workmen find it difficult to keep warm in our temporary sheds. Only a thin board partition full of knot holes and cracks stands between them and the outside world. Several stoves have been put in, but these relieve the situation only partially.

Notwithstanding all this, we have not heard one word of complaint. All seem to be trying to make the best of the situation and carry on the work to the best of their ability.

However, it will be a day of rejoicing when the new factory is finished. We are now laboring under great disadvantages not only on account of the cold but for lack of sufficient room to carry on the work in hand. If we are not delayed in securing material, we expect the new factory to be ready for occupancy about the first of January.

WE have just finished printing editions of the following named books:—"Uncle Ben's Cobblestones," "House

We Live In," "Early Writings" and "Vegetarian Cook Book."

Orders can be filled promptly.

We have in press volumes one to eight of "Testimonies for the Church," and these will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

It is with sadness that we mention the death of our faithful pioneer in the *Signs* work,—Brother George A. King, of New York.

In reference to his work and life the president of the Greater New York Conference writes:—

"In my personal experience in this work I have never come in contact with one who was more devoted to the proclamation of this truth than he. His whole being was wrapped in this cause. For it he prayed, for it he lived; and for its advancement and triumph he labored incessantly. He looked upon the *Signs* as a father would look upon his only child. Article by article, page by page, it was perused by him. His one great question was; 'How can the paper be improved to meet present day issues?' Never a testimony did he bear in meeting without closing it with an appeal for some one to enter the *Signs* work. Day after day, week after week, without a day's rest, excepting Sabbaths, he toiled up those long flights of stairs bent on the one object of giving the truth to the people. What a reward he will receive some day!"

SOME DON'TS FOR CANNASSERS

"DON'T let a fine house, a biting dog or a locked gate keep you away from the people.

"Don't fail to make yourself useful to the people with whom you are stopping.

"Don't be afraid to tell the people that you are a Seventh-day Adventist when asked.

"Don't spend Sundays and rainy days down town, but use them for study.

"Don't sit on a barrel head and munch cheese and crackers for dinner, but exchange a book for a good, warm meal.

"Don't spend your change for meals, lodging, rigs, and other necessities, but turn a book, and thus get them for half price, or less.

"Don't fail to deliver a book because you don't happen to have others close by, but go if it costs you more than the book is worth.

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Sabbath begins Dec. 28 at 4:38 P. M.

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER has been confined at home with an attack of la grippe.

MISS HORTENSE ANDRE is spending the winter with relatives in Huntington, W. Va.

MRS. W. J. RICHARDSON and children, of Mansfield, are visiting Elder C. A. Smith and family.

BROTHER B. L. MORRIS and family are entertaining his mother and sister, Miss Mabel, of Iowa.

ALL church treasurers and any others who may have tithes on hand are requested to send the same in time to reach the office not later than Dec. 31, 1906.

THE way of the transgressor is hard. Sooner or later the mask will fall and reveal the true character. The reaping is not so delightful as the sowing, but "what a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

EXCELLENT meetings are being held every evening in the College chapel, and a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord is expected as a result of this week of prayer. In the afternoon a few of the sisters gather at the home of Sister Alderman, who is denied the privilege of attending the evening service.

As quite a number of the students will leave this week to spend the holiday vacation at home, especially those engaged in the printing office, it is necessary to make up our paper in advance. We wish them all a pleasant vacation, (and who does not enjoy being at home?) and hope to see them all back again full of energy and determination to make this the most profitable year, so far, in their education.

THE Clyde church deems it a privilege to entertain the State Conference which will be held January 28-31, 1907. We trust that every church

elder will see that his church is properly represented at this session. Let there be only one desire in the hearts of the brethren; and that be that God may direct in all that is said and done, so his work may advance and souls be saved in his soon coming kingdom.

THE many friends of Esta Miller and Orvie Gibson will be glad to learn of their safe arrival at Shanghai, China, after a pleasant voyage across the "briny deep." As their vessel arrived five days ahead of the scheduled time, Dr. Miller was not there to meet them as arranged. They are both well, having proved good sailors, and are pleased with the country. Pray for these young men that the Lord may indeed make them earnest, efficient workers in his cause.

IMPORTANT

CONFERENCE workers are requested to send in their labor reports promptly on the last day of December, 1906, so that they will reach the office January 1 or 2 at the latest. This is necessary as the Conference Auditing Committee will be in session early in the following week.

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

AN APPEAL TO CHURCH TREASURERS AND OTHERS

THE Conference year for 1906 will close Dec. 31, 1906. At that time the laborers of the past year will expect a settlement for the services they have so faithfully rendered. Much money will be needed to make this settlement, and we are hereby requesting all church treasurers who may be holding funds belonging to the Conference, to send it to the office not later than Dec. 31, 1906; and, too, there may be, and we have no doubt are, many persons throughout the Conference who have the Lord's money laid away awaiting a convenient time for sending it in. To all such we would urgently request that you gather it together now, and immediately place it in the hands of your church treasurers with the request that he send it at once. Those who cannot make it convenient to see their church treasurer, and the isolated Sabbath keepers, and these are many, will please send direct to the State treasurer.

Please attend to this at once so that when the Auditing Committee shall have finished its labors, it can be said that the Lord's servants have their due.

THE OHIO S. D. A. CONFERENCE,
C. V. HAMER, Treas.
Mount Vernon, O.

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"Don't blame the office boys if there is a mistake in your account, but examine your own books.

"Don't think that the State agents, the office force, or the president of the Conference never appreciate an encouraging word or letter, but hold up their hands, and cheer them up a little.

"Don't call the canvassing work a failure when you put in only five hours a day, four days in a week, three weeks in the month, and six months in a year, but put in full hours, days, weeks, months and years, the same as you would to make a success of any other business, and your work will not, can not be a failure."

CHARLES G. BRILLAH.

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PASS IT ON

In a recent letter from Elder W. C. White one paragraph reads as follows: "Mother is greatly cheered as she sees the united, energetic efforts that ministers, east and west, are making to raise funds for the enlargement of our work. She rejoices in the many evidences that our redemption draweth nigh."

Elder George F. Enoch, in his latest communication to me from Bridgetown, Barbadoes, says: "I will always remember the kindness manifested to me, and the substantial interest manifested in our work at the Ohio camp-meeting. It is one of the brightest leaves in my summer's experience. I am glad that Brother Charles Belgrave is in the Mount Vernon College, and trust his presence will quicken the missionary spirit in the school."

H. H. B.